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Sir:

This Information Disclosure Statement is submitted under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 and 1.98 within the time specified in 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c).

Attached are copies of the references cited in the International Search Report dated January 3, 2001, (translation of pertinent portion noted thereon), where the relevance indicated. No further statement of relevance is required.


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In view of the above, no further translation or statement of relevance is required, and as all requirements of 37 CFR 1.97 ff and all official guide lines pertaining to Information Disclosure Statements have been complied with, and it is therefore respectfully requested that the Examiner consider the references and make them of record.

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